**GUMNUT NEWS**

**WEBSITE:**
www.ashtonfield-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

**SMS student absences**
0427 016 460

**SCHOOL HOURS:**
Supervision from: 8.25am
Classes begin: 8.55am
Classes finish: 2.55pm

**NOTES SENT HOME:**
- Bandfest
- Choralfest

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**
- Bandfest
  Wednesday, 15th October.
- McHappy Day Out of Uniform fundraiser
  Friday, 17th October.
- Year 3-6 Swimming begins
  Friday, 17th October.
- Choralfest
  Wednesday, 22nd October.
- Book club due by
  Thursday, 23rd October.

**OUR POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)**
focus for this week
“Be Cooperative” and “Right Voice”

**WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES:**
Year 3—6
Thursday,
12.40pm—1.30pm

**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY:**
6th November, 2014

**NEXT P&C MEETING:**
Tuesday, 21st October
at 7pm in the Library

**CANTEEN OPEN:**
Mondays & Fridays

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:**
Monday
8.30am—9am &
2.30pm—5pm
Friday
8.30am—9am

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**Principal's News**

**WELCOME BACK** and welcome to our new families. We hope you enjoy your time with Ashtonfield School.

The concert seems so far away now, nevertheless thank you to all those who helped and those who thanked our staff for the concert. In particular thanks go to Ms Osland and Mrs Meynell and their committee. It was the whole staff's privilege to put it together as it is so rewarding to see the confidence it helps develop in our students. So many parents say they couldn’t get up on stage but they are very proud of their children. Some of the best comments came from the students who said after the last performance “can’t we do it again?” Each year this is a common request.

After our busy end to Term 3 our start to Term 4 has been very settled. Please remember our students will be finishing off units then starting assessment tasks in a few weeks so it is important to have your children at school unless they are sick.

It is also important that children are at school on time each day. Please ensure your children are here before we go into class at 8.55am.

**LIFE EDUCATION** sessions begin next week. All classes will be involved and notes were sent home with every student last term. Please check our school website or ask the office if you require another note. Payment of $10 is now overdue. The first classes to participate will be 5K, 3/4H, 3F, 4J, 2O and KB next Monday, 13th October. Students who do not return their note or payment will remain at school.

We would like to thank Emery H.R Rotary Club of Maitland and Rotary Club of Greenhills for supporting our visits with Healthy Harold and the Hunter Life Education team. Life Education supports us in teaching children what they need to know to make smart choices and develop healthy habits that last a lifetime.

**YEAR 3 –6 SWIMMING** starts next Friday, 17th October. A reminder that payment is due tomorrow.

**McHAPPY DAY OUT OF UNIFORM FUNDRAISER** is planned for next Friday, 17th October, 2014. Students are asked to donate a gold coin and come out of uniform. Please remember that students will still need to wear a hat, covered in shoes and appropriate sun safe clothing (i.e no singlet tops). Please ensure Year 3-6 students who will be participating in swimming that day label all clothing with their name.

**A REMINDER THAT PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS** are now available via our school website. Detailed instructions on how to access and use the online payment system is on our website or available from the school office. Only excursions/activities etc that have been invoiced are payable online so please pay attention to permission notes which will specify methods of payment. Permission notes also specify a “Payment Description” that must be included in the online payment. P&C fundraising activities etc ARE NOT payable online.

If you do pay for an excursion, performance etc online it is important that you still return your child’s permission note to the school office.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Scarlett in 2B who won the Stage 1 section of the Hunter Public Speaking competition last term. A great achievement.

*Have a successful week, Narelle and Staff.*
YEAR 4 TARONGA ZOO OVERNIGHT EXCURSION is fast approaching. All payments are now overdue and must be paid as soon as possible so venues can be paid and accommodation details can be finalised. Students will not be permitted to attend if final payment is not received or unless school assistance has been organised by the end of next week.

BOOK CLUB BROCHURES are available from the table in the school foyer. Orders are due by Thursday, 23rd October. A reminder that all orders must be paid online in the following way:

- Click on Parent Payments (at top of the screen)
- Complete credit card details
- You will be given a receipt number. Please write your receipt number on your scholastic order form.
- Please return your order form to the box in the school foyer with your child’s name and class at the top of each order.

Please do not send cash as it will be returned to your child.

REMINDER: IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 6 TO REMEMBER:

MAITLAND GROSSMANN HIGH SCHOOL, YEAR 7, 2015

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Uniforms for Sale

1 x unisex maroon long tracksuit pants, size 6  $7
2 x unisex maroon track pants, size 10          $7 each
2 x boys long grey pants, size 6                $8 each
2 x boys double knee grey long pants, size 8    $8 each
2 x long sleeve white shirts, size 8            $7 each

Phone Julianne on 0431 695 978.

Canteen News

Starting next Monday, 13th October the canteen will be open on Mondays as well as Fridays. If you are able to assist in the canteen on a Monday or a Friday, please contact the P&C on 0403 385 283. Volunteers are requested to have hair tied back and wear covered shoes. It would be appreciated if volunteers could arrive as close to 8.30am as possible.
P&C News

P&C GOLD COAST HOLIDAY RAFFLE Valued at $3050

*It’s only 8 weeks until our fantastic raffle is drawn.* Tickets are only $2 each. Don’t miss out on your chance to win.

Grab your book of tickets now, so that you can sell them to neighbours, friends & work colleagues.

Just drop this slip into the school office to obtain your book of tickets.

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Tickets will be sent home with your child.

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P&C MEETING—TUESDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 2014 All items, issues, concerns etc requiring discussion at the next P&C meeting need to be added to the agenda. Please leave details at the office or by phoning the P&C Secretary (Cheryl Lucas) on 0466 542 041 or by emailing the P&C at apspandc@hotmail.com by Monday, 20th October.
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McHappy Day
Saturday 18th October 2014

McDonald’s East Maitland
presents...

FROZEN

Be here for the arrival of
ELSA - 12.30 PM

Meet all the characters from FROZEN

*Elsa*
*Kristoff*
*Sven*
*Olaf*
*Anna*
*Hans*

Hey Kids! ...Come dressed as your favourite character from ‘Frozen’ and ‘The Lego Movie’ and join the fun

THE LEGO MOVIE
Meet *EMMET* - 12 noon ‘Everything is Awesome’

Poster Competition
Make a ‘FROZEN’ or ‘LEGO’ A4 poster with name, age, contact number
Bring entries into McDonald’s East Maitland by Thursday 16th October
Winners will receive their Prizes from Elsa and Emmett on McHappy Day

Dance Displays from 10.30 am
*All Shook Up* *Zumba* by Anytime Fitness *Tiny Tutus*
*Morpeth Public School* *Attitude Dance Centre*
*Evolution of Dance* *Newcastle Contemporary Dance Academy*

*Chris Frazer - Majestic Mobile Music*
Fun with balloons from Matt the ‘Balloon Bloke’
*Ruby the Clown* *Roving Entertainers*
Face painting by *Erin’s Party Faces* *Flicka the Fire Fairy*

*Monster Raffle*
Raising money for our local ‘Ronald McDonald House Newcastle’
There is a special reason to join us on McHappy Day
NEWPSYCH PSYCHOLOGISTS PRESENTS

HAPPINESS

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

WHAT MAKES US HAPPY?
COME ALONG TO THIS FREE COMMUNITY EVENT & LEARN MORE.

NEWPSYCH PSYCHOLOGISTS
15 QUEEN ST COOKS HILL

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 11
10 AM - 5 PM

HAPPY FAMILIES 10 AM - 11 AM
Dr Matthew Jepson & Tarnya Davis - Clinical Psychologists

HAPPY BODIES 11 AM - 1 PM
Dr Emma Gallagher - Clinical Psychologist
Ray Kelly - Exercise Physiologist
Dr Mick Hunter - Conjoint Associate Professor, School of Psychology, University of Newcastle
Richard Kelly - Yoga Instructor & Surfer

4.30pm ABC's Helen Clare interviewing Tarnya Davis about her new book

All Things Considered ...
Fresh perspectives on kids, families, love, life and happiness.

HAPPY MINDS
1 PM - 4.30 PM
Meg Spry - Psychologist
Ben Fletcher - Clinical Psychologist
Shane Passwa - Psychologist
Chris Kelly - Comedian
Owen Craigie - Gambling Counsellor
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**ARE YOU A BAND, SOLOIST OR OTHER MUSIC ACT WAITING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD?**

Mount Kanwary School’s **AMPLIFIED** is back again this year on Saturday 1 November 2014. This year there will be a separate primary & secondary category

**INTERESTED? HOW DO I ENTER?**

- For primary you must be aged 8-12, secondary is from year 7 to year 12, but no older than 18 years.

- Submit your online audition (1 item) by email to: mountkanwaryschool@gmail.com or send CD to 733 Hinton Road Osterley (it can be your own work or a cover of someone else). Auditions close Friday 10 October 2014.

- 4 finalists from each category will be chosen to perform live on 1st November between 6-9pm at Mount Kanwary School’s Amplified being held on the school grounds. You will be notified by Monday 20th October if you are successful as a finalist.

- The winning act for each category will receive $500  
  (2nd prize - $150, 3rd prize - $75)

If you would like more details, please contact Juliet on 0434 648215

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Are you interested in advertising in our newsletter? Contact the school office for details.
Key points to remember around schools

4 Hold your child’s hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:
- on the footpath.
- in the car park.
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

5 Helmet and safety on wheels

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.

Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.

For more information visit
roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au